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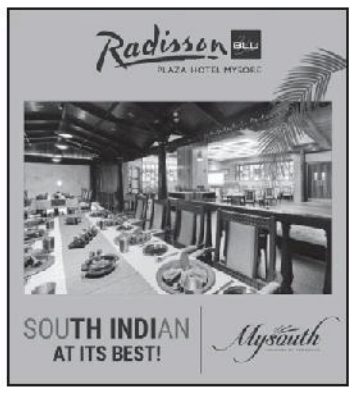

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway NH-275

Phase-1 toll collection by Feb. 15

Works to install commuter-friendly sign boards, direction, destination signals soon

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (RK&BCT)- The first phase of the toll collection on the 118-km 10-lane Access-Controlled Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway (NH-275) will begin by Feb. 15 on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch.

The Expressway project has two packages—the first one runs from **Bengaluru to Nidaghatta** in Maddur taluk for around 56 km and the second package, which is 61 km long, connects **Nidaghatta to Mysuru.**

"The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will start levying the toll on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch by Feb. 15. The Phase-2 of the toll between Nidaghatta and Mysuru will be implemented later," Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Before the toll is levied, passenger-friendly provision of traffic signs (including Variable Message Signs) and destination and direction boards will be installed, the MP added.

While one toll plaza has come up at Ganaguru after Srirangapatna near K. Shettihalli, the second toll plaza has been set up at Kaniminike near Kumbalgodu (Bidadi). At Kaniminike, there are two plazas for onward and return journeys and tolls will be levied. In all, there are three toll plazas but the toll will be collected only at two places, NHAI officers said.

Toll Plaza on the NH-275 Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch where the first phase of the toll will be levied.

11 gates at each toll plaza

Each toll plaza has 11 gates to facilitate faster access, entry and exit and the plazas will be operational with all high-tech toll systems and FASTag facilities by the time the road works are completed, said NHAI sources.

Commuters on the Expressway said that the works on the toll plazas have been completed and signboards have been set up indicating the prices for all categories of vehicles. "However, the rates for travelling have not been mentioned. The toll plazas are wide and will not in any way hold up the traffic," a commuter who travelled between the two cities yesterday said.

NHAI officers said that the toll rates for all category vehicles will be decided after taking into consideration the total project cost and the daily number of passing vehicles.

"We have guidelines to levy toll and as per rules, there has to be a toll for every 60 km and the average fee is Rs. 1.5 to Rs. 2 per km. Also, the toll fee is decided on the basis of the number of lanes, number of bridges and underpasses on any Highway. This Expressway has nine major bridges, 42 minor bridges, 64 underpasses, 11 overpasses, 4 Road-Over-Bridges (ROBs) and 5 bypasses" the officers added.

Direction signboards

"The NHAI has set standards for these sign boards and they should command attention from all categories of road users. They should convey a clear, precise meaning in a simple form and must be correct and uniform throughout. The placement of the signboards should give adequate time for a proper response," NHAI officers said.

In addition, the signboards must attract the attention of drivers and should be legible from sufficiently far away to be read without diverting the line of sight. They will be placed in such a way that they are not obscured by other objects or vegetation, the officers added.

[See also page 6]

Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi marks Sarvodaya Day

Noted critique and thinker Prof. H.S. Raghavendra Rao offering floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's bust at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning as University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. Gnana Prakash and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (RKB&DM)- Rich tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation, across the city on Sarvodaya Day today, that marked the 75th death anniversary of the Mahatma. Floral tributes were paid to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning, where noted critique and thinker Prof. H.S. Raghavendra Rao inaugurated the programme by watering a plant and senior MCC woman Pourakarmika Penchalamma was felicitated.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Raghavendra Rao said that honouring a Pourakarmika is a real tribute to Gandhiji and the Mahatma would feel happy at that. Highlighting the significance of Sarvodaya Diwas, he said that the day is important on three counts — The day when the Mahatma was assassinated (Jan. 30, 1948), observance of Sarvodaya Day and observance of Martyrs Day in memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of independence.

(See MAHATMA on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 30th January 2023

Applications invited for career guidance and training

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (SSM) - The Department of Backward Classes Welfare will be conducting career guidance and training programme on pre-selection preparation for eligible male candidates of the community who are willing to join the join the Indian Army or Uniform Services for the year 2022-23.

Candidates belonging to Category-1, 2(A), 3(A) and 3(B) are eligible to apply. The annual income of the family of the candidate belonging to Category-1 should not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh while for those belonging to Categories 2(A), 3(A) and 3(B) should not be more than Rs. 1 lakh.

Candidates must have a pass in SSLC with 33 marks in each subjects or with adequate grades in the Grade system to apply. Applicants must be aged between 17 years and 20 years as of Dec. 31, 2023.

Training will be given in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts only. Applicants may choose one of the training places.

Applications may be submitted online by visiting *www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in* before Feb. 15.

For more details, call the Training Centres in Dakshina Kannada on Ph: 0824-2225078 or Udupi on Ph: 0820-2574881 or Uttar Kannada on Ph: 08382-226589, according to a press release from the Department District Officer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Gandhiji had a unique faith in the ultimate goodness of man, a faith in the great potentialities of humanity and a faith that, notwithstanding all his limitations, weaknesses and violence in nature, man will someday rise to great spiritual heights. It was this belief that motivated him to render selfless service to humanity through the path of non-violence and the path of change of heart.

His satyagraha was a weapon chiefly intended to serve humanity; the basic qualification of an ideal satyagrahi was a living faith in love and living faith in God. To quote him: "He must have a living faith in non-violence. This is impossible without a living faith in God. Without it, he won't have the courage to die without anger, without fear and without retaliation."

The question is: Where did this unique fearlessness and indomitable courage, his ever-readiness to lay down his life for truth and just cause, come from? It would not be wrong to say that the teachings of the Bhagvadgita completely transformed his life.

While meticulously going through the Gita, Gandhi discovered that its highest ideal was anasakti, non-attachment. He explains the concept of anasakti in the Gita by making two general statements: i) 'not one embodied being is exempted from doing works'; and ii) 'it is beyond dispute that all action binds'. The implication behind these statements is that none of us can escape action; it is the demand of nature that we must engage in action. Also, an action cannot be performed in isolation; one action will definitely require that further actions are performed and thus a vicious circle of bondage is created.

Thus, according to Gandhiji, the concept of renunciation in the Gita never implied absence of purpose; it only implied absence of purpose meant for self-benefit. Every action that one performs ought to be governed by some motive because no action could be performed in an abstract manner. That motive, however, should be to realise one's Inner Self, the silent witness that keeps observing constantly all the activities of the mind. One who performs his duties with full dedication, with an attitude of surrender, becomes worthy of Self-realisation, the ultimate goal of human life.

— Anup Taneja in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

38 hair ties inside cat's stomach

South Carolina: An ailing cat brought to a South Carolina animal hospital is recovering after veterinary surgeons removed 38 hair ties from the feline's stomach. The Charleston Animal Society said a cat named Juliet was brought in by a member of the public who reported the feline had been left outside a home when the former residents moved out of state.

Carers noticed Juliet was becoming lethargic and not eating after a couple weeks, and a radiograph discovered she had an unusual blockage in her stomach. Leigh Jamison, associate director of veterinary care for the Charleston Animal Society, said the surgical team was stunned to discover the blockage was 38 hair ties swallowed by the cat. "I've never seen anything like it," Jamison said in the news release.

Dolphin's leap as rainbow emerges

Australia: The joy of seeing the dolphins jumping is simply contagious. A mesmerising video showing the majestic sea creature leaping out of ocean that too with a rainbow in the background is gaining traction on social media.

The short clip was shared on Twitter by a user named 'Science Girl'. It captured the magical moment a bottlenose dolphin leapt from the water as a rainbow emerged right above it. In the caption of the post, the Twitter user informed that the video was shot by photographer Jaimen Hudson off the coast of Western Australia.

Since being shared, the stunning video has garnered more than 555,000 views and over 15,000 likes. In the comment section of the post, several internet users called the video beautiful and incredible. "Is it so beautiful. As the dolphin splash back in the water, the rainbow disappeared," wrote one user. "This is pure magic," said another. A third user commented, "I'm hypnotized by the beauty," while a fourth simply added, "What a beautiful moment".

HEALTH CAPSULE

IRREGULAR PERIODS

Common among most young girls. Polycystic ovaries could be the reason. Need to evaluate first. It's a lifestyle problem. You can sort this by maintaining healthy weight, balanced diet, exercise and good sleep for 6-8 hrs and also by being stress free. Maintain your menstrual. This avoids future health problems too.

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Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Madivala Machidevara Jayanti to be celebrated on Feb.1

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Madivala Machidevara Jayanti will be celebrated in a meaningful way at 11.30 am on Feb.1 at Kalamandira in city, said Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Lokanath. He was speaking at the preliminary meeting held in connection with Madivala Machidevara Jayanti celebration at DC Office recently.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan said that a singing programme will also be held as part of the cultural programme.

Community leaders who spoke at the meeting suggested that community members who have achieved in their chosen field should be felicitated on the occasion and the Vachanas of Madivala Machidevaru should be included in schools texts and their significance be made known to the society.

They also wanted Government officials to attend the function. Karnataka Government Employees Association District President J. Govindaraju, Madivala Machidevara Association District President M. Raju, General Secretary Channakeshava, Vice-President Prashanth, Mysuru Taluk President Jayaram, Federation of Karnataka State Madivala Associations District President Manju B. Shetty and others were present.

Savitha Maharshi Jayanti on Feb.14

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Lokanath has said that as per the direction of the Government, the celebration of Savitha Maharshi Jayanti which was to be held on Jan. 28, has been postponed to Feb.14 as per the wishes of community members, due to paucity of time.

He was speaking at a preliminary meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's Office in connection with the celebration recently.

On Feb.14 at 11 am, the stage programme will be inaugurated at the Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, who also spoke said that as per protocol, the District Administration will print invitations and distribute them. Singing programme will be organised by the Department as part of cultural activities, he added.

Karnataka Government Employees Association District President J. Govindaraju, Savitha Maharshi Association District President, Taluk President and Office-bearers and community leaders including Thayur Vittalamurthy were present.

REALLY...?

- ***Grapes and raisins, as well as onions, garlic, and chives, are all extremely harmful foods for cats. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure — although the reasoning behind that isn't clear. Meanwhile, onions, garlic, and chives wreak havoc on your cat's gastrointestinal system and can cause anemia.***
- ***Cats will refuse an unpalatable food to the point of starvation.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two women talking to each other.

One: *What would be the best gift for a husband?*

Other: *Gift him with a wallet so that all money will be kept together and it would be easy for you...!?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.67
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.24
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.74

VOICE OF THE READER

Road near college at Dattagalli needs repair

Sir,

The road on 3rd 'A' cross situated off Outer Ring Road in front of Sukrutha PU College, Dattagalli in city, is crying deeply over the apathy of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Neither the MCC nor the Corporator have given due attention to repair the road full of potholes and asphalt it to the safe and smooth riding/ driving of motorists.

I would like to request the authorities concerned to give immediate attention to repair the potholed roads in Mysuru and relay them with tar first and then plan for the proposed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) and other mega projects.

Let the present be maintained first before moving onto future.

—B.G. Balaji

Dattagalli
24.1.2023

5th Edition of TiE University Global Pitch Contest for Collegiate Entrepreneurs and Startups

Mysuru, Jan. 30- TiE Mysuru Chapter, one among 40 worldwide chapters of TiE Global, has announced the launch of its regional competition to select the college team to represent TiE Mysuru Chapter at the global finals of the TiE University Global Pitch Competition-2023. Applications are available at ***www.tieuniversity.org/pc***

TiE University, an initiative of TIE Global, aims to foster entrepreneurship among College students from ideation to investment. University startup teams gain access to learning resources, and mentorship by successful entrepreneurs and are given opportunities to participate in global Hackathons, Startup Bootcamps and Pitch Competitions. These interactions and experiences help startups take their business from a campus idea into a viable business. The fifth annual TiE University Global pitch competition applications are now live. Last date to register is Feb. 10. The teams can register using the following link: ***http://bit.ly/TiEUPitchFest2023***

The first prize winner will get 50K USD, while the first and second runner-ups will get 25K USD and 10K USD, respectively.

Speaking about the competition, Sudhanva Dhananjaya, President of the Chapter, said, "The pitch competition is a platform for entrepreneurs such as our charter members to give back and to help foster entrepreneurship among college students. The TiE University programme offers a complete ecosystem to the next generation of entrepreneurs to launch and scale their startups. TiE Mysuru is the only chapter in Karnataka to host TiE University Programme 5th year in a row."

In the last edition of TiE University pitch competition, TiE Mysuru has provided Rs. 3 lakh seed fund and mentorship support to the winners of the past editions.

The competition is open to startups/ founders who are currently in college or have graduated after in the academic year 2021 onwards. As part of the competition, the startups are mentored and coached by experienced entrepreneurs at the regional/city level. After this, they present their ideas to a seasoned jury panel that selects the chapter (regional) winner. The winning team then becomes part of the global cohort which undergoes extensive mentoring and coaching by international mentors. These mentoring sessions cover many enablers from pitching, presentation design, defining value proposition, fundraising, financial models and many other aspects of entrepreneurship.

TiE Mysuru Chapter will provide up to Rs. 3 lakh cash award to the winners of chapter level pitch competition along with one-on-one mentorship and incubation support. Chapter winners will get opportunity to compete globally and win prize money of 50K USD.

Startup Karnataka Innovation Hub powered by IKP has been associated as Knowledge Partner to promote TiE University Program across Karnataka State. KIP Knowledge Hub is India's leading Incubator and accelerator actively contributing to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country having its Incubators across the country.

For more details on the activities of TiE Mysuru, contact Mahesh Kattale, Executive Director, TiE Mysuru Chapter, on Mob: 94481-54063 or email: ***ed@mysuru.tie.org***

Awareness on cybersecurity at ATME

Mysuru, Jan. 30- The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru, had organised a technical talk as part of the awareness Session on 'Cybersecurity' for third Semester students at its campus on Jan. 19.

Derick Jose, Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer, Flutura Decision Sciences & Analytics, Houston Texas Area, was the resource person.

Saravanan Sundaramurthy, CEO and Founder, Xorbit Shifters, Bengaluru, was the guest of honour. Dr. L. Parthasarathy, Professor and Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, who was also the Programme Coordinator, spoke on the need for cybersecurity. He said the institution has been funded by AICTE-MODROB to set up Cybersecurity In The Power Systems Lab.

He further gave insight on the internship opportunity for students which is jointly set up in consultation with Xorbit Shifters, Bengaluru and IISC, Bengaluru.

Resource person Derick Jose started the session by giving insight on Stuxnet, which targets supervisory control and data acquisition systems and is believed to be responsible for causing substantial damage to Iran's nuclear program.

He spoke about 'Saudi Aramcyber-attack where the malware was used to target the Saudi Government by causing destruction to the State-owned national oil company Saudi Aramco'.

He gave examples of how Chinese hackers target the Indian power grid. Further, the Union Government had announced spending Rs. 515 crore on cybersecurity.

He explained about Spot which is an agile mobile robot that navigates the terrain with unprecedented mobility, allowing it to automate routine inspection tasks and data capture safely, accurately and frequently.

Further, he explained about BlackEnergy which is a malware toolkit that has been used by both criminal and APT actors.

He gave insights about InfraGard to prevent hostile acts against the U.S. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is the national nodal agency for responding to computer security incidents as and when they occur.

He spoke in detail about the Cybersecurity strategies — Grid Attack detection, Grid attack Prevention, Grid Incident response and Grid Threat modelling.

He concluded the session by speaking about the 7 S of Physical forensic investigation, AI for Grid cybersecurity, Thermal AI pipelines, Drone AI, Grid vectors, snort attack detection and potential opportunities for students.

In the questionnaire held post session, the faculty and students interacted with the resource person. Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATME College of Engineering, presided over the meeting.

Programme Coordinator Dr. L. Parthasarathy, Event Coordinators Dr. C. Shakunthala (Associate Professor) and Prof. R. Shreeshayana (Assistant Professor), faculty and students were present during the event.

Three-day Youth Empowerment Cultural Programme from today

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (SSM)- The South Zone Cultural Centre (Ministry of Culture, Government of India), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, has organised a three-day Cultural fiesta 'Youth Empowerment Cultural Programme-2023' at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road from today (Jan. 30) till Feb. 1.

The event aims to create awareness on cultural activities among youngsters and students. It endeavours to bring the indigenous cultures of the Zone and other Zones closer to the masses with a focus on the rural populace and underprivileged to make them understand, experience and enjoy the cultural variety of the country.

Programme Schedule

Jan. 30 - 6 pm to 6.15 pm: Inauguration of the event by Prof. M. Nanjayya Honganuru, Head of Folklore Department of University of Mysore (UoM), in the presence of Bharatanatyam exponents Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Dr. Kripa Phadke; **6.20 pm to 8.30 pm:** Kalarippayattu by Rijul Gurukkal and troupe; Theyyam (Maari) by K. Rajeevan and troupe; Bharatanatyam by Seetha Sasidharan and troupe.

Jan. 31 - 6.30 pm to 8 pm: Mohiniyattam by Sumitha Nair and troupe; Pooja Kunita by M. Sivakumara and troupe.

Feb. 1 - 10 am to 11.30 am: Kuchipudi by Sunanda Prashanth and troupe; Silambattam by P. Sangeetha and troupe.

There will be no entry fee. For details, call Ph: 04362-240072 or e-mail: ***szcc1986@gmail.com*** or ***southzoneculturalcentre@gmail.com***, according to a press release from South Zone Cultural Centre Director K.K. Gopala Krishnan and Programme Officer S. Raja.

NEWS BRIEFS

Devaraj Urs Pratibha Puraskar

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from meritorious students belonging to Backward Classes community who have scored 70 percent and more marks in Degree/ Master Degree / Professional Degree and Professional Master Degree courses for presentation of D. Devaraj Urs Pratibha Puraskar. Eligible candidates may submit applications online by logging on to ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/*** before 5 pm on Feb. 8. For details, contact Helpline No: 80507-70004, according to a press release from the Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer.

Ph.D awardees

K.V. Kiran Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Genetics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Evaluation on Antiageing Property of Bioactive Compounds of Asparagus racemosus in Drosophila melanogaster' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J.S. Ashadevi.

B.N. Anantha Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Physics by the UoM for his thesis 'Studies on Simulation of Physical Parameters Using Single Crystal Data of Some Organic Compounds' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J. Mahadeva.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	113.66 feet
Yesterday	:	114.08 feet
Inflow	:	625 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,011 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,271.81 feet
Inflow	:	154 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,829.03 feet
Inflow	:	94 cusecs
Outflow	:	70 cusecs

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa got award for his writing and not because of Modi: MLC A.H. Vishwanath

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (PM&DM)- Taking strong exception to acclaimed writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's remark that he got the prestigious 'Padma Bhushan' award because of Prime Minister Modi, MLC A.H. Vishwanath maintained that Dr. Bhyrappa got the award only for his writing and rich knowledge and not because of the Prime Minister.

MLC A.H. Vishwanath seen addressing the press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city on Saturday as former Corporator R. Somasundar looks on.

Addressing a press meet here on Saturday, Vishwanath stressed that Dr. Bhyrappa got the award for his knowledge and literary works. But his (Dr. Bhyrappa) praise of PM Modi is aimed only at appeasement, he said adding that the writer's remarks were unwarranted and unacceptable.

Asserting that the acclaimed writer's remark has in fact lowered the dignity of the prestigious civilian award, Vishwanath said that Dr. Bhyrappa could as well get the prestigious 'Jnanpith Award' next year, for which he should wait instead of praising Modi.

Heaping praises on former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who was conferred with the second highest civilian award 'Padma Vibhushan', Vishwanath asserted that the veteran politician (Krishna) must be credited for making Bengaluru the Silicon City of the country and Karnataka a vibrant State. Defending the former CM on his proposal to name the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the MLC, in an apparent rebuke to MP Pratap Simha, who has sought naming of the Expressway after River Kaveri (Cauvery), said that Krishna has written a letter in this regard to the Prime Minister out of his vast experience and understanding of the rich legacy of the State. "We must read and understand Krishna's thoughtful letter on naming the Expressway after Nalwadi," he added. He also expressed disappointment that the BJP Government had failed in utilising the rich administrative experience of Krishna.

Former Corporator R. Somasundar was present.

Three women lose gold chains in city, Suttur

Mysuru, Jan. 30- In separate incidents, miscreants have made away with gold chains of three women in city and at Suttur.

In the first incident, a 47-year-old woman, who had come to Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on Jan. 22, has lost her gold chain.

The woman, who lost her gold chain is Bhagyamma, a resident of Hemavathi Layout in K.R. Pet. She, along with others, had hired a KSRTC bus (KA-11-F-0172) and had come to Chamundi Hill to have the *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

After having the *darshan* of the Goddess, Bhagyamma came to the parking lot to board the bus at about 7.15 pm, when she noticed that her 40 grams gold chain has been stolen.

A case has been registered at K.R. Police Station.

In the second case, a miscreant has snatched a part of gold chain from a 67-year-old woman at Gangothri Layout 1st Cross on Jan. 23 evening.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is M.N. Chandramathi, a resident of Gangothri Layout.

Chandramathi, along with her husband, had gone to a supermarket and after shopping, they were proceeding on the 1st Cross of the locality, when a miscreant, who came from the opposite direction yanked off her gold chain. As the gold chain got tangled to her bag, the miscreant fled with a part of the gold chain weighing about 30 grams, climbed on to a waiting bike at a distance and sped away.

A case has been registered at Saraswathipuram Police Station.

In the third case, a woman, who had come to Suttur Jatra, has lost her gold chain.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is Vimala, a resident of Badagalapura village in Chamarajanagar taluk. She, along with her husband, had come to see the exhibition organised as part of Suttur Jatra at Suttur on Jan. 22.

As there was a huge rush at about 2 pm at the gate, a miscreant, making use of the situation, stole her 55 grams gold chain.

Biligere Police, who have registered a case following a complaint from Vimala's husband Rajendra Prasad, are investigating.

Woman loses Rs. 1.65 lakh cash in KSRTC bus

Nanjangud, Jan. 30- Miscreants have stolen Rs. 1.65 lakh cash from a vanity bag of a woman travelling in a KSRTC bus between Nanjangud and Mysuru on Jan. 23. The woman, who lost her money, is 47-year-old Bhagyalakshmi, a resident of Kempegowda Layout in the town.

Bhagyalakshmi, who had to pay her son's college fee, kept the cash in her vanity bag and boarded the KSRTC bus (KA-01-F-0380) to Mysuru at Hullahalli Circle at about 6.15 pm. The miscreants have stolen the cash from her vanity bag when the bus was proceeding near Kadakola.

A case has been registered at Nanjangud Town Police Station.

Online fraud: Three cheated of over Rs. 24 lakh

Mysuru, Jan. 30- In separate cases, three persons have been cheated of over Rs. 24 lakh by online fraudsters in city.

In the first case, 53-year-old K.L. Kumar, a resident of Rajivnagar 1st Stage, who was told by one Suresh to invest in a company through a website for high returns, has lost Rs. 20 lakh.

After investing money through the web portal, the website has been blocked since last October and Kumar has neither got back his invested money nor profit.

In the second case, 61-year-old H.S. Rajashekar, a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, had transferred Rs. 598 to purchase clothes online from Ethnic Web. As he did not receive the clothes, he searched the number of the company's customer care on Google and called the number.

The person, who received the call, told Rajashekar to install Anydesk App on his android phone and also collected details of Rajashekar's ATM card and PIN number. Within a few minutes, Rs. 3,61,700 was withdrawn from his Bank account.

In the third case, 32-year-old Supreetha, a resident of Mandi Mohalla, who was looking for a part-time job, had received a link on her WhatsApp on Oct. 17.

When she clicked on the link, a page named Shopping Mall opened on Telegram App. She was then told to invest money through it as she would get high profit and Supreetha invested Rs. 63,990 only to be cheated.

All the cases have been registered at City's CEN Police Station.

Gold ornaments lifted in KSRTC bus

Mysuru, Jan. 30- A woman, who boarded a bus with a child, has reportedly lifted gold ornaments from a woman's vanity bag at Suburban Bus Stand on Jan. 26 morning.

The woman, who lost her jewels, is 65-year-old Noor Fathima, a resident of Rajivnagar 2nd Stage in city.

Fathima, who wanted to go to Bengaluru, boarded the KSRTC bus (KA-09-F-5019) and sat on the seat. Another woman, who boarded the bus along with a child dropped a few coins and urged Fathima to collect the fallen coins as she was holding the child.

When Fathima collected the coins and gave it to the woman, the woman told her (Fathima) that she would buy the ticket and come and alighted from the bus not to be seen again.

After sometime, when Fathima wanted to take out her mobile phone from the vanity bag, she found the bag's zip open and a box containing 120 grams gold ornaments missing.

A case has been registered at Lashkar Police Station.

Engg. equipment stolen from factory

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Miscreants, who broke into a factory at Hebbal Industrial Area, have decamped with mechanical engineering equipment among other items from the factory.

The theft took place at 'Make Fab' factory located in Plot No. 428, where items such as gear boxes and casings are repaired.

Factory owner Shivdas A. Nair, closed the factory on Jan. 21 and when he came to open the factory on Jan. 23, he found the lock broken and on inspecting, he found four moulds, mechanical engineering equipment, gear boxes, casings and tools stolen.

A case has been registered at Hebbal Police Station.

Kerala's biomedical waste raises a stink in Kodagu

Makutta Reserve Forest turns a dump yard; Check-post stops only timber trucks not waste-carrying vehicles

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BCT)- Stopped by alert Police, Forest Department and active media, the neighbouring Kerala has now shifted the location to dump its medical waste and other non-degradable waste from Mysuru, Nanjangud and Gundlupet to Kodagu's Western Ghats.

Now waste is being indiscriminately dumped inside the Makutta Reserve Forests in Kodagu and the Karnataka side of the road linking Kerala and Karnataka.

The Makutta Reserve Forest is a part of the pristine Western Ghats and comes under the Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary. It supports fragile biodiversity and has unique eco-sensitive aspects and brings bountiful rains to Kodagu and Kerala.

The 'God's Own Country' has been illegally dumping its hazardous biomedical waste and animal waste in Kodagu, jeopardising the lives of locals and polluting the environment.

This part of the Western Ghats supports unique flora and fauna like the Indian Gaur, Sambar Deer, Porcupine, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Pangolin, Nilgiri Tahrs, Civet Cat, Asian Palm Civet, Wild Boars, Wild Dogs, Barking Deer, Nilgiri Monkeys, Langurs, Bonnet Macaque, Lion-tailed Macaque and Elephants. Good rains every year and increased greenery have brought about an encouraging rise in the population of many wild animals.

Nocturnal dumping

However, spoiling the natural beauty, every day, trucks come from the neighbouring State and dump waste by the sides of the road and also inside the forests. Though there is a Forest Department check-post at Makutta that borders Karnataka (Kodagu) and Kerala, the staff only concentrate on timber trucks and other smuggling vehicles and they let go of other trucks that carry tonnes of waste to Karnataka.

These trucks come mostly in the night and according to villagers, the truck drivers grease the palms of the check-post staff to dump waste inside Karnataka and return to Kerala under the cover of darkness.

Local villagers and Kodagu Rakshana Vedike District President Advocate Achchandira Pavan Pemmaiah told *Star of Mysore* that the dumping started on a small scale a couple of years ago with vehicles from Kerala dumping a few sacks of toxic waste.

"This has systematically grown to the extent of truckloads of waste being dumped in forest lands. The 22-km stretch from Virajpet passes through Urti forest under the Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Arji, Betoli, Heggala, and Nangala to reach Kootupole in Kerala. Both sides of the road are littered with plastic waste, bio-medical waste, adult and children's used diapers and tonnes of filled gunny bags are seen deep inside the forests also," Pemmaiah said.

Unholy nexus

"Our Forest Department staff at the Makutta check-post do not check all vehicles and they let go of all the waste-dumping trucks. This Department's laxity is for everyone to see. Every day they travel on the same road for duty and they are blind to plastic waste that emanates stink. The monkeys eat the waste and lie by the side of the road, suffering. If this is not a disaster, then what is," Pemmaiah asked.

"There is a possible nexus between the Kerala truck drivers and the Forest Department staff at the Makutta check-post. The District Administration must put an end to this menace and the Forest Officers must curb the excesses on the environment. If this goes unchecked, it could lead to an outbreak of diseases. Kodagu is being used by Kerala as a dustbin," Madan, a green activist, added.

Also, most of the trucks carrying garbage pose as fruit and vegetable trucks and misguide the officials at the check-post. Some even hide waste beneath sand. Some also use Karnataka registration vehicles so that they can easily pass through.

Girl injured during giant wheel ride

A portion of scalp peels off along with hair; Undergoing treatment at a Mysuru hospital

Srirangapatna, Jan. 30 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A 14-year-old girl sustained severe injuries after her hair got tangled during a giant wheel ride resulting in the skin of front portion of her head peeling off along with the hair. The incident took place at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple premises on Saturday night where the giant wheel was set up as part of Rathasapthami.

The injured girl is Srividya, daughter of Krishna and Manjula couple of Bengaluru. She is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru.

It is learnt that Srividya, along with her parents, had come to a relative's house to attend a ceremony in Srirangapatna and on Saturday night, after having the darshan of Sri Ranganathaswamy, she went on a giant wheel ride during which the incident took place.

The locals have urged that the owner of the giant wheel be arrested and compensation be paid to the injured girl. They also said that there were no safety measures in place and it was sheer negligence that led to the incident.

Srirangapatna Town Police Station Inspector B.S. Ramesh said that cases have been registered against giant wheel owner Ramesh, Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple Executive Officer Thammegowda and Town Municipal Council Chief Officer Sandeep.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) H.N. Gopalakrishna said that it was unfortunate that the incident took place during Rathasapthami celebrations and added that compensation from the Government will be provided after visiting the girl at the hospital immediately besides stating that action will be taken against those responsible for the incident.

Tahsildar Shweta N. Ravindra said that Rathasapthami celebration takes place once a year in the town during which thousands of devotees participate.

"The temple administration should have held a meeting with the officials of all Departments and should have taken safety measures along with Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Police and Fire and Emergency Services Department which was not done. The health condition of the girl will be enquired and notices will be served to the concerned," she added.

Rider killed after ramming into road median

Mysuru, Jan. 30- A two-wheeler rider was killed after ramming the bike into the road median on Mysuru-Hunsur Road on Jan. 26 night.

The deceased has been identified as Srinath (38), a resident of Kennalu village in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district.

Srinath was proceeding on his bike (KA-09-HH-2783) from Kalamandira side towards Field Marshal Cariappa Circle, when he lost control of the bike and rammed into the road median resulting in Srinath getting dragged on the road and his head hitting an electric pole.

A case has been registered at Devaraja Traffic Police Station.

Civic Adalat in KR Constituency till Feb. 6

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (SBD&BCT)- Following the footsteps of the MUDA and MCC that is holding a series of Adalats to address public grievances where residents can avail on-the-spot solutions, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas has launched a series of Civic Adalats in his Constituency.

The first Adalat in the series was held at CITB Choultry at Siddarthanagar in Ward 53. Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad and others were present.

The second Adalat was held at the Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre Office at Vishweshwaranagar and many beneficiaries were provided facilities and solutions to their grievances.

Many people received e-shram cards from the Labour Department and the Health Department conducted a free eye camp at the venue and in addition, blood-sugar tests and blood pressure checks were conducted as part of Adalat. This apart, grievances related to water, road, electricity, health, education were heard by the MLA.

A counter that offered free booster COVID vaccine dose was exclusively opened at the venue and several other counters were opened by the AYUSH Department. Ayurveda kits for boosting immunity were provided to all participants.

Similar Adalats were held at Ward 47 near HUDCO Ganapathi Temple on Jan. 25; at Ward 52 in Ittigegud Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple on Jan. 26; on Jan. 27 at Ward 63 in J.P. Nagar Sports Club; on Jan. 28 at Ward 48 Jayanagar Second Main Road at Koushika Sankethi Sangha Nacharamma Hall and on Jan. 29, the Adalat was held in Ward 51 at Nataraja Kalyana Mantapa.

Today (Jan. 30), the Adalat was held at Ward 57 in Kuvempunagar Samrat Kalyana Mantapa and on Jan. 31 it will be held at Ward 64 and 65 at Aravindnagar and Srirampura Bramaramba Kalyana Mantapa, on Feb. 1 at Ward 59 Kuvempunagar Layout and on Feb. 2 at Ward 43 Kanaka Bhavan, Janatanagar.

Adalat will continue to be held on Feb. 3 in Ward 56 and 60 at NTM School, on Feb. 4 in Ward 49 at Lakshmipuram Nanjumalige Gaadi Chowka, on Feb. 5 at Ward 55 Aradhya Mahasabha at Chamundipuram and at Sunnadakeri 8th Cross Ganga Mathasthara Samudaya Bhavana and on Feb. 6 at Ward 54 Kanakagiri Senior Citizens Association.

110-year-old passes away

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Jayalakshmammani (110), a resident of Dhanagalli village in the taluk, passed away yesterday afternoon at the village.

Jayalakshmammani

She leaves behind three sons, two daughters, grandchildren, family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the village this morning, according to family sources.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway NH-275

25-ft. tall electric poles sway dangerously as thieves steal horizontal metal bars

By Vinay Karekura

Srirangapatna, Jan. 30- While thousands of commuters are opting for the 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Access-Controlled Expressway (NH-275) daily for a smooth and hassle-free journey, the high-tech road has also become a favourite destination for wily thieves to steal metal objects, stainless steel barricades and metal water pipes.

Just a couple of days back, the Officers of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) told *Star of Mysore* that they were baffled by the scale of thefts on the Expressway.

"The steel barriers are made of high-grade steel and the thieves are blatantly cutting off parts to sell them in scrap yards. Now we have found that thieves are targeting electric poles and are removing the strengthening bars between the aesthetically designed poles. While steel barricades have been removed at many places in Bidadi and Ramanagara, the electric poles are being targeted on the Srirangapatna stretch," an Officer said.

These iron and steel thieves are making use of the darkness and are taking away valuable metal. "Unfortunately, they fail to realise the efforts and money that have gone into the building of the Expressway. For a few extra rupees, they are discrediting the best quality of works undertaken," the NHAI Officer added.

Shockingly, as the horizontal support railings on the bottom half of the vertical poles have been removed, the poles are becoming infirm and are swaying when the wind blows. Over time, they will become weak and there is a danger of them crashing down on commuters who are travelling on the road and the service roads.

The supporting sidebars of the electric poles have been removed at many places on the service roads on either side of the Expressway. Bereft of the sidebars, the poles are standing

like skeletons, inviting danger. The poles have been laid at a height of 25 ft. and the horizontal supporting bars have been removed up to a height of 12 ft. *(see pic. above)*. "The poles are sturdy and are made of an alloy-like metal but they have been fixed with easily removable nuts and bolts and have not been riveted. Taking advantage of this, the thieves have used simple spanners and hammers to remove the screws and steal the metal bars," said a local resident.

The vehicle movement on the NH-275 Expressway and its service roads is high even before the road is inaugurated. "The NHAI can install CCTV cameras all along the road to catch the thieves or they can at least request the jurisdictional Police to increase night patrolling. Steps must be taken to strengthen the poles before they crash on commuters as it happened recently in Bengaluru when the iron structure of an under-construction Metro pillar fell killing two people instantly," said Javaregowda, a concerned farmer.

Highway patrolling to prevent thefts

"It is an unfortunate development. We carry out development works for public benefit and there are some anti-social elements who destroy public property without realising safety is endangered. We will introduce highway patrolling and already, we have sent a proposal to the Centre to implement an Intelligent Highway Information and Traffic Management System (IHI-TMS) on this Expressway to control accidents and theft of metal barricades and other items. The proposal is in the approval stage and once implemented, we will have CCTV cameras and sensors every 500 metres. This will detect thieves and will be a deterrent." —Pratap Simha, Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Fans demand Karnataka Ratna as CM inaugurates Vishnu Memorial

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (OSR)- The long-cherished demand for a memorial of late actor Dr. Vishnuvardhan became a reality yesterday with the inauguration by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Haalalu village near Udbur Gate on the outskirts of Mysuru.

Bommai unveiled a seven-foot statue of the *'Nagarahavu'* actor installed at the memorial amidst thunderous claps and slogans by thousands of people who had gathered at the venue.

Addressing the gathering, the CM said that he was attending the programme as a fan of Vishnuvardhan. The CM said, "I remember the front page feature on the actor in a Kannada film journal way back in 1972 when *Nagarahaavu* was released. He went on to rule the film world for nearly four decades and made an immense contribution to the State in the field of art and culture."

Meanwhile, Vishnuvardhan fans sought *Karnataka Ratna* for the late actor. The CM's speech was continuously interrupted by fans who went berserk, raising placards in support of their demand. At the end of his speech, the CM announced that he understands their demand and would respect their sentiments. "The Government will take a decision in this regard soon," he added.

Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

(Continued from page 1)

Quoting the poems written by great poets such as Kuvempu and Bendre on the life and struggles of the Mahatma, Prof. Raghavendra Rao said that today is the day when we must study and understand the life of Gandhiji, who sacrificed his life for the cause of the Nation.

Bemoaning that though the Mahatama was assassinated in a moment, his ideals, ideologies and principles are being continued to be killed every day, he said the time has come when we should question ourselves on what we are doing rather than who killed Gandhiji.

Pointing out that India is a land where Mahatma Gandhi, Buddha and Basavanna are worshipped, Prof. Rao expressed concerns on where the country is now heading to, after deviating the path shown by these three great Philosophers.

Stating that the country has tread different paths since the time of Nehru, he said that leaders such as Ram Manohar Lohia, Periyar, Jayaprakash Narayan (JP), Karl Marx, Golwalkar, Hedgewar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar showed their own paths. "Though every path has its own pros and cons, we have to identify the best things in each of them and tread along with a holistic approach that includes the good in all paths," he argued. He called upon the people to follow the path shown by the Mahatma in building an all inclusive and united country.

University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Gnana Prakash administered 'Sarva Dharma Samaanate' oath to the participants.

A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to Mahatma Gandhi.

Earlier, students of University Fine Arts College rendered the invocation by reciting "Vaishnava Jana To" devotional poem, following which Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. S. Narendra Kumar delivered the keynote address.

UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, Principal Prof. K. Sowmya Eeerappa and others were present.

Impressionz showcases new Collections

The two-day expo-cum-sale of Shreeda Collections sarees, organised by Impressionz at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city, began this morning. Seen are (from left) Prithvi, Organiser Krupa Sumanth and Vaishali. The expo is open today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8 pm.

Honesty helps in developing a humanist mindset: Former ADGP Kempaiah

Former ADGP Kempaiah being felicitated by Police personnel, who were recruited in 1996, at the 'Apoorva Sammilana' programme organised at Police Bhavan on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road in Mysuru city on Sunday as City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that only honesty can help in developing a humanist mindset, former ADGP Kempaiah, who had also served as Mysuru City Police Commissioner in the late nineties, said that about 4,000 candidates were recruited to the Police Department during his service and he has the satisfaction of maintaining transparency and honesty in the recruitment.

He was speaking after being felicitated at the 'Apoorva Sammilana' programme at Police Bhavan here on Sunday, which was organised by Police personnel who were recruited in 1996 when Kempaiah served as the City Police Commissioner.

Observing that in the absence of honesty, a human being can become an animal, Kempaiah said that gaining wealth by dishonest means will not help in achieving self-confidence and self-respect.

Noting that there was no written test for recruitment of Constables when he was put in-charge of the recruitment, Kempaiah reiterated that he had recruited about 4,000 Constables while serving in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Dharwad.

Stating that Employment Exchange registration was key for recruitment then, the former senior IPS Officer asserted that he did not buckle under any sort of influence during the recruitment. He recruited 750 Police personnel when he served as Mysuru City Police Commissioner, he added.

Recalling the recruitment process in the past when interview used to take place in the ratio of 1:100 candidates, he said that though several candidates brought influence, he did not bow down to pressure and went ahead in maintaining transparency and fairness in selection of candidates.

Advocating that those who have understood life should hold administrative posts, Kempaiah said he was emotionally overwhelmed for being honoured by the 1996 batch Police personnel.

Commenting on the construction of Police Bhavan on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road when he served as Mysuru City Police Commissioner, Kempaiah said that the Bhavan stands as a symbol of bonding of Policemen.

Opining that the Bhavan, apart from being used for marriages and such other functions and ceremonies, should also be utilised for bonding Policemen and their families, he said that the City Police Commissioner has brought to his notice that the Bhavan has some faulty acoustic system which needs to be rectified. This can be done by utilising the Bhavan funds itself, he added.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, in his address, said that Kempaiah has been a guiding force for him. Recalling the contributions of Kempaiah for the welfare of Police personnel and as well as the public, he said that the former IPS Officer has earned the love and affection of the people through his social works. Though he may not be able to match his 'Guide' in social service, he would perform to his best, Ramesh said adding that he would take the guidance of Kempaiah in Policing matters and other general administrative matters.

Kempaiah and several other senior Police personnel were felicitated on the occasion.

Earlier, City Top Cop Ramesh inaugurated the 'Apoorva Sammilana' programme. Legal Metrology Department Assistant Controller M.S. Kumar presided.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Karnataka State Police Service (KSPS) Officer A. Maruthi, Police Training School (PTS) Principal H.T. Shekar and others were present.

Sighting of Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) on Mysuru outskirts

By Dr. S.N. Prasad
Amateur Astronomer, Mysuru

*FROM LEFT: **B. Chiranjeevi, Vidya Priya, M. Krishnamurthy and Dr. S.N. Prasad during their efforts to track the comet on city outskirts.***

This rather elusive Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) has been making the news for some time with confusing and even misleading media descriptions about its naked-eye visibility.

The comet, first discovered in March 2022 by astronomers Frank Masci and Bryce Bolin using the Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF) at the Palomar Observatory in California, has been brightening since November, wowing astrophotographers with its brilliant green tail.

Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) is currently making its way through the northern skies and should reach its brightest magnitude in early February, according to *In-The-Sky.org*

After a considerable effort, my friend and associate M. Krishnamurthy, a hardened amateur astronomer of Mysuru city, successfully sighted the visitor through his Celestron 8" telescope a few days ago at his home and kept track of it over the following days.

Early on the morning of Jan. 29, he set up this telescope at a more favourable location just outside the city and three of us, B. Chiranjeevi, Vidya Priya and myself, joined him in the nocturnal hunt.

We first sighted the faint, nebulous coma of the comet, without a noticeable tail of any kind, around 1.50 am through a low-powered eyepiece using the well-known technique of averted vision and followed it up at regular intervals until 5.30 am.

In between, we used the opportunity afforded by beautifully clear skies to view a large number of night sky objects best visible through small telescopes.

We did not have the technical resources to take a presentable photograph of the comet. **The picture of the comet you see in this report is a recent one taken from a NASA source, with acknowledgement.**

Contrary to media indications, we could not locate the comet with the naked eye, or even through binoculars. This could be partly due to the influence of city lights and we might have fared better in a truly rural environment.

Because of a waxing moon, we may have a reasonable opportunity for viewing the comet only in the next two days during the present lunar cycle. In light of our experience, it may be futile to try to view the comet with the unaided eye, especially in urban locations. It may not be visible clearly even otherwise. One should not be guided by dubious reports of its sighting without optical aid.

UP Agri Minister, colleagues visit CFTRI

Laud role of Institute in training farmers to become entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Uttar Pradesh (UP) Minister for Agriculture Surya Pratap Shahi along with his Ministerial colleagues from Government of Uttar Pradesh, recently visited the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, a premier research Institute of CSIR.

Dinesh Pratap Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture and Baldev Singh Aulakh, Minister of State for Agriculture, also accompanied him during the visit along with Manoj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of UP, Anjani Kumar Singh, IAS, other officials of Department of Agriculture, both from UP and Karnataka.

CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh received the UP Minister's delegation. An interaction meeting was held in Cheluvamba Hall of CFTRI wherein a presentation was made about contribution of CFTRI and its role in Agro-Food processing. The Director explained in detail the success stories of CFTRI such as AMUL (the baby food), Leaf cup making machine, Spice oils and oleoresins, High amylase rich energy food, Spirulina chikki, Nutri bar etc. She emphasised the role of Millets in health, machinery for millet processing and innovative technologies on millets developed at CFTRI and also touched upon eradication of malnutrition and supplementary foods for severely acute malnourished children both in Odisha and Karnataka.

All the dignitaries visited the CFTRI facilities such as CFTRI Show Case, Food Engineering Pilot Plant, International School of Milling Technology and Food Safety and Analytical Quality Control Laboratory. The Scientific staff of Food Engineering Department demonstrated the Food processing machinery housed in Pilot Plant which included Dosa-making machine developed at CFTRI.

The delegation also visited Mobile Food Processing Unit, designed and developed at CFTRI wherein Tomato processing was demonstrated to team members. They lauded this innovative idea to reach out farmers at rural level and also appreciated the role of CFTRI in training farmers through PM-FME and ODOP programmes to become entrepreneurs.

The Minister also appreciated the infrastructure that would be beneficial to large number of stakeholders.

On their visit to the wheat milling facility, the scientific staff explained the importance of one-year ISMT Certificate course in roller flour milling which has benefited both India and developing countries from Africa and South East Asia. This aspect was very much appreciated by the UP Minister and the delegation.

The Minister and his team members then visited FSAQCL Department wherein they were briefed about various Labs and Instrumentation facilities pertaining to Food Safety including detection of heavy metals and contaminants, pesticide residue analysis etc. They appreciated CFTRI's role in this aspect.

Surya Pratap Sahi informed that "It is a matter of great fortune for me to visit this Institution. This Institute has a significant contribution in Food Security and Food Processing. This Institute also has an important contribution in developing the skills of the students here and making them self-reliant".

He even emphasised that an action plan will be prepared soon to set up a Processing Unit in the Agricultural Universities located in Uttar Pradesh so that more impactful work is done in the field of Food Processing in Uttar Pradesh.

Book on 'Biodiversity in Microhabitats Plants, Predators and Prey of Arogyashram' released

***Dr. Jayadev** (second from right) released the book 'Biodiversity in Microhabitats Plants, Predators and Prey of Arogyashram' as Dr. Prabha, Kiran Bagade, Dr. Abhijit, Dr. Gajanan Hegde and others look on.*

Mysuru, Jan. 30- A book on 'Biodiversity in Microhabitats Plants, Predators and Prey of Arogyashram' documenting the wondrous natural diversity of its medicinal plants, birds and insects written by B.V. Venkatesha Murthy, Chairman of Sadvaidyasala Private Limited (SVL) and the Dhanvantari Arogyashram Trust was released by Dr. G.S .Jayadev, Founding Secretary of Deenabandhu Trust.

Speaking after releasing the book at Dhanvantari Arogyashram in Nanjangud here recently, Dr. Jayadev said "Educational systems should be adopted to make children love plants and trees, thereby maintaining the balance of environment and biodiversity. Lack of respect for nature traditionally reflects the cruelty in the soul of man, so it should be ensured that the love of environment is made available to children during the education period itself."

He also mentioned that due to the interference of man, the adverse effects on nature and the environmental destruction and the changes in the environment have to be seriously considered. In this regard, the published work will provide useful information to those working in the field of research and environment. He also appreciated that 348 species of plants have been cultivated in Nanjangud's Arogyashram, which is known as the lungs of Nanjangud, and it has provided shelter to hundreds of species of insects and many kinds of birds.

Venkatesha Murthy said "The 172-page book was written to preserve the ethnopharmacological knowledge that we have garnered over the years and make our small contribution towards climate action in an urbanised world. Since its establishment in 1961, Dhavantari Arogyashram which is set up in ten acre land and which is also known as lung space of Nanjangud has housed a growing number of plant species, most of which are used for Ayurvedic medicines and treatments. Arogyashram has a wide variety of trees, plants and herbs. With 348 plant species, 299 identified varieties of insects and 61 types of birds, the land now serves as a conservatory for species preservation, and we wish for this to only grow."

Kiran Bagade Srinivas and Dr. Prabha Mokshagundam too contributed for the book.

On the occasion, Dr. Gajanana Hegde, Principal of Government Ayurvedic Medical College delivered a talk on 'Conservation of Medicinal Plants' and Abhijith, Homeopath and Naturalist spoke on 'Importance of Insects in Preserving Nature's Balance'. Rajesh Sreenivasan, Secretary, N.B. Ramagopal and Sudheesh Trustees of Arogyashram, were also present.

Youth for Seva and NIE sign MoU for Skill Development, Volunteerism

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Youth for Seva and The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Skill Development, Volunteerism and Community Oriented Services.

K.C. Vinay, National Coordinator, Youth for Seva, Deepak Aradhya, Fellow Coordinator, South Karnataka, Youth for Seva, Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal NIE and C.N. Chinnaswamy, Associate Professor, Department of ISE, NIE, signed the MoU on behalf of their organisations.

B.S. Raghavendra, Regional Coordinator, Youth for Seva, Supreeth, CSR Coordinator, Youth for Seva, Yashwanth Gowda, Mysuru Coordinator, Youth for Seva, Teja Naik, DFS Coordinator were present.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Conclusion of 'GOAT' Debate

Ever since boxer Muhammad Ali proclaimed "I am the greatest," the term **"Greatest of All Times"** or GOAT has become very popular in all sports. While Don Bradman (Avg. 99.94) is the GOAT of cricket, it is Jack Nicklaus (18 Majors) for golf and Usain Bolt (23 gold medals) is for athletics.

However, there is no unanimity among experts who should be the GOAT of tennis. After prolonged discussions they narrowed down to five players namely, Rod Laver, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. These experts then decided to have a live TV debate with a panel of three eminent judges.

The senior judge was an 80+ year-old Oxford educated Englishman who had played at Wimbledon in early 60s and has watched practically every Wimbledon final. The second judge was a lady, a US attorney (60+) well-versed in international tennis. The third judge was a young Australian IT guy who had the results of all the important tournaments at his fingertips. The five players were allowed to nominate a spokesperson who would argue on their behalf.

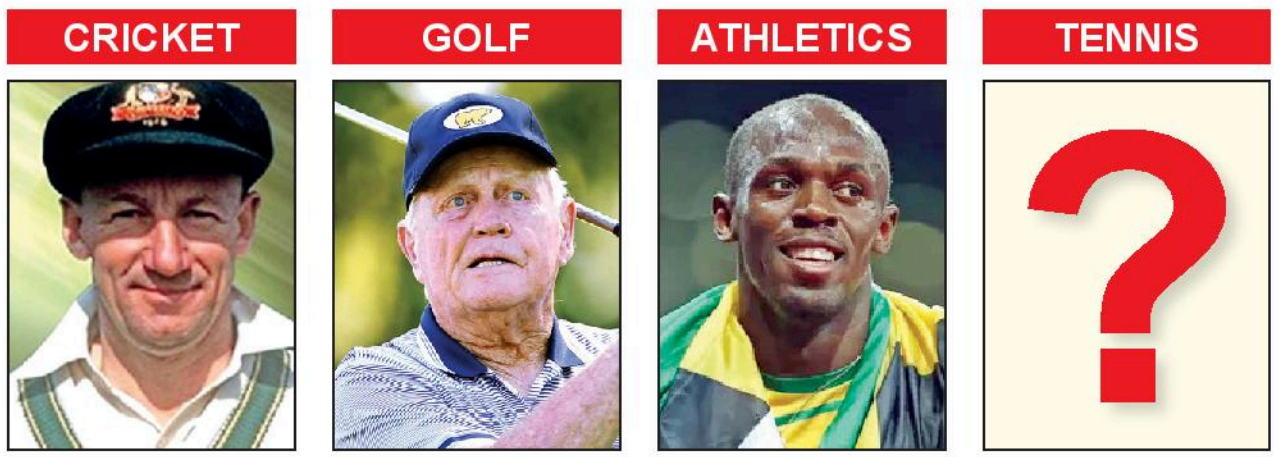
Without much ado let the debate begin.

Rocket (for Laver): My candidate after winning the Wimbledon Junior Championship went on to win his first Major title at the age of 21 years and crowned it with a Grand Slam (that is, all four Majors in the same calendar year) a couple of years later (1962). He then joined the professional circuit and not only became the best player there but won several tournaments including eight pro-majors. When open era started, he won his second Grand Slam, a record unbeaten even today.

Although the ATP records show that he has won only 72 tournaments, if one includes all his amateur and professional victories prior to 1968, it would add up to 200 tournaments. Also, if the system of week-by-week ranking system was in existence during my candidate's playing days, he would have been Number 1 for nearly 350 weeks. He had an excellent serve and volley game and when in lead he would never lose a match. He is very modest and is liked by one and all. Because of all his achievements and his gentlemanly behaviour, my client should be the GOAT of tennis.

Pistol (for Sampras): My candidate had a bullet like service right at the T-junction (hence the nickname Pistol Pete). Most often it was unreturnable and even if someone returned it, Sampras was ready with a cross court volley winner. He had an excellent jumping over head shot which was a sure shot winner.

He won his first Major at 19 years and in a short span of his best playing years, he won 14 Major titles of which seven were Wimbledon titles. Also, he won the year ending ATP finals five times and all these were records at that time. He stopped playing at the age of 31 years and had he continued, he surely would have won some more important titles. Taking his records into consideration, I believe he should be the GOAT of tennis.



Don Bradman *Jack Nicklaus* *Usain Bolt*

Fed-Ex (for Federer): Once he won the Wimbledon Junior Championship, he defeated the then reigning Wimbledon Champion in the Men's Singles in the fourth round. Though he lost in the next round, he won the title next year. During the next eight years, he won 15 Major titles thus beating the previous record. Also, he had several individual records to his credit but now only two of his records are still standing. First one is eight Wimbledon titles and the second one is 237 continuous weeks as World No. 1. In addition, he shares the maximum titles in ATP Finals (6) and three Major titles in a year (thrice) with another player.

My candidate has an accurate and consistent first service (hence the nickname Fed-Ex), an all-court game and it is a pleasure to watch him play. He has millions of fans all over the world. The crowd support he gets during important matches is unbelievable. Taking his records and popularity into consideration, I firmly believe that he is the GOAT of tennis.

Bull (for Nadal): My candidate won his first Major (French Open) at the age of 19 years. There after he won this title for four continuous years. In total, he won 22 Major titles of which 14 are French Open, a record. Further, he has won two Majors in a year five times. In addition, he earned a gold medal in Olympics tennis Singles event. He has won 81 consecutive clay court matches and hence called "King of Clay."

He is an excellent baseline player and can retrieve a ball from way behind the baseline for a winner. Another lethal weapon he has is the deceptive forehand slice drop shot from the baseline. Time and again he has been severely injured but invariably he has come back to win more Majors. Actually, he is a great fighter. In view of these qualities, I believe that he should be the GOAT of tennis.

Djoker (for Djokovic): At the outset I would like to mention that the title of GOAT is not awarded on the basis of how fast one serves or how good one's backhand is or how many million fans a player has. It is based purely on how many important tournaments a player has won. In other words, quantitative evaluation is the only criteria to award this title.

At present he holds the record for maximum number Australian Open titles (10), an Individual Slam (holder of all four Majors simultaneously not in the same calendar year), maximum number of Masters 1000 title (38), highest win-loss percentage (83.49%) and highest number of weeks as World No. 1 (373+ weeks). In addition, he shares the record of maximum number of Major titles (22) and ATP Finals with two different payers. Also, he has a unique record of winning all four Majors, year-ending ATP Final and nine Masters 1000 tournaments at least twice. Also, he is an excellent fighter until the match point is won or lost.

To highlight the quantitative aspect, I have awarded different points based on the importance of a tournament. The method is to give 1 point to Major title, 0.75 to ATP Finals, 0.5 to Major runners-up and so on. Bonus points are also given to Grand Slam, Individual Slam, etc. Based on these calculations, the points earned by the five contenders are as follows:

Djokovic 133.9, Federer 115.3, Nadal 105.3, Laver 104.1 and Sampras 64.1. Fortunately, numbers do not lie and hence my candidate is the GOAT.

Verdict: Before discussing in detail, the judges decided to take a snap poll. While the senior judge voted for Laver, the US attorney leaned towards Federer and the Australian voted for Djokovic. The judges realised that the spokespersons highlighted the merits of their candidates but their flaws were ignored. For example, Sampras has not won the French Open and once he lost to young Federer, he practically lost heart and retired. Nadal is a one-dimensional player (clay court) and more importantly has not won the prestigious year-ending ATP Finals.

Regarding Laver, he has no flaws but gave up glory for money by becoming a professional and thus lost out on many Major tournaments. Federer also has no flows but when pushed by the opponent, he crumbles. He has lost thrice to Djokovic after reaching match point in Major tournaments. Meanwhile, Djokovic has the habit of breaking his racket in a match. He explains that it is to get his frustration out of his system.

After detailed discussions, the judges agreed that quantitative evaluation is the most important aspect and bestowed the title of GOAT upon Novak Djokovic. Now you as the readers can choose your favourite as the greatest ▪

Djokovic wins 10th Australian Open, equals Nadal's 22 Grand Slam titles

Melbourne, Jan. 30- An emotional Novak Djokovic beat Stefanos Tsitsipas Sunday to claim a 10th Australian Open title and equal Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns, a victory that returned him to World No. 1. The Serbian star overcame a hamstring injury and off-court drama on his return to Melbourne Park to sweep past the Greek third seed 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/5) on Rod Laver Arena.

He surged to victory without father Srdjan in the stands after he sparked controversy by posing with a fan carrying a Russian flag featuring Vladimir Putin's face following his son's quarter-final win.

Djokovic climbed to his player's box after the win to embrace his mother and

Novak Djokovic posing with the trophy.

broke down in uncontrollable tears, collapsing to the ground sobbing. It capped a remarkable comeback by the 35-year-old fourth seed, who missed last year's tournament when he was deported over his COVID vaccination stance.

WORD OF THE DAY

Implacable

Pronunciation: im-PLAK-uh-bul.
Meaning: Not capable of being appeased, significantly changed, or mitigated; not placable.
Origin: Implacable is rooted in Latin placare, meaning "to soothe," but its im- prefix is a variant of the negating prefix in- (as in inactive) and it signals that there's nothing warm and fuzzy here. Someone or something described as implacable cannot be soothed, which usually means trouble: implacable is most often attached to words like foe, enemy, hatred and hostility. The opposite of implacable is, of course, placable; it means "easily soothed," but sadly isn't called upon very often. Another placare word is likely more familiar. Placate means "to soothe or appease"; it's frequently applied when an angry person is made to feel less so.
Example: "His fellow cavers called Mr. [Marion] Smith 'the Goat,' and he certainly looked the part, with a compact, wiry body and a wispy caprine beard dangling below a well-cragged face. He was likewise goatish in his implacable determination to keep going through mud and cold and scraped shins, with little patience for those who couldn't keep up." — Clay Risen

THE ODD WORD

Iconoscope

Old kind of television camera tube.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips

Meaning: I see you are ready and anxious to depart.

Origin: The slips are the slip collars that are worn by greyhounds when they are about to be raced. When the dogs were used for hunting (coursing) these collars allowed the huntsmen to free a pair of dogs at a moment's notice. The allusion in the phrase is to soldiers who are anxious to charge in to battle. The line comes towards the end of the famous 'once more into the breach' speech from Shakespeare's Henry V, 1598:

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more;
Or close the wall up with our English dead.
In peace there's nothing so becomes a man
As modest stillness and humility:
But when the blast of war blows in our ears,
Then imitate the action of the tiger;
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood,
Disguise fair nature with hard-favour'd rage;
Then lend the eye a terrible aspect;
Let pry through the portage of the head ...
I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips...

QUOTE BOX

Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.— **Anonymous**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Flower bed.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Rough, cindery volcanic discharges
4 Cancelled; absent
7 Put in a stopper or an electrical connection?
11 Quantity of heat in FPS units
12 Unwell
13 Hinged metal clasp
14 Form the basis of?
17 Ancient Roman days
18 Pretended
20 Visitor
22 Fine sediment
23 A type of sea-eagle
24 Look after the sick
27 Middle Eastern monarch?
31 Hails, accosts or salutes
33 Asian country - "ray is" anagram?
34 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
35 Commits a mistake or a sin
37 Underworld river
39 Don't get upset or excited (slang) (4,2,4)
42 Feet of an animal
43 Stinginess
46 Famous cookie
47 Branch or wing; weapon
48 Go bad
49 Ireland for the poet?
50 North North East
51 To explore secretly

DOWN

1 ___ Dhabi : capital of United Arab Emirates?
2 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
3 Abruptly
4 Lubricates
5 Takes to wings
6 Discoverer of penicillin
7 A magic potion, drug, or charm held to excite sexual love
8 Put on cargo
9 Condition of a postmarked stamp
10 Navigational system in short
15 Electronic Instrument Sys.
16 Queue after Q
19 Obscure by smearing
20 Ground Earth Station
21 Extinct ox
25 Colonists
26 Engrave
28 Capital crime
29 Well-ventilated
30 ___ Point : business and office area of Mumbai?
32 Self addressed envelope, in short
36 Grim, frowning
37 Actor Chaney
38 Geological period
39 A young salmon
40 Monetary unit of Angola
41 Arrived
42 The American novelist, 'Edgar Allan.....'
44 Bribe
45 A pen or enclosure for a swine or a pig

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

R	I	F	F	■	M	A	C	H	■	V	A	N
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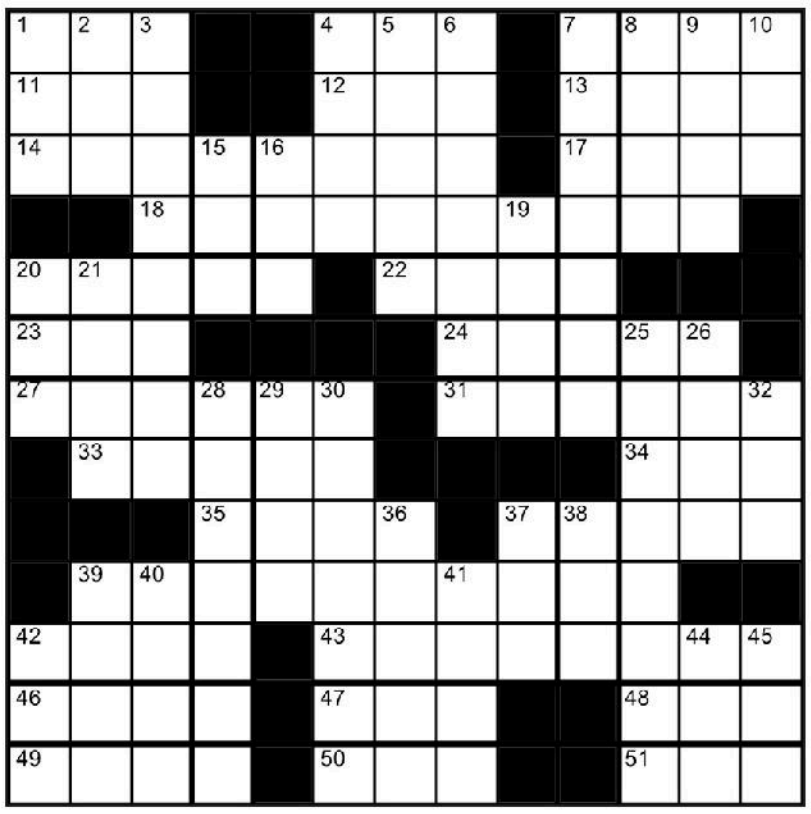

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8			2		9		5	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	7	5	4	3	1	6	8
6	8	5	1	7	9	3	2	4
4	1	3	6	8	2	5	7	9
2	3	9	8	5	1	6	4	7
1	7	8	2	6	4	9	3	5
5	6	4	3	9	7	8	1	2
3	5	6	7	2	8	4	9	1
8	4	2	9	1	6	7	5	3
7	9	1	4	3	5	2	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QX RAY NCVY UI MUHY, RAY MULYDL CDY VUDY

FYMYEDCRYK RACX RAY ZQXXYDL.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS T

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: The breaking of a wave cannot explain the whole sea.

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	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 1.10 pm 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
Varisu (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Alone (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm

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RC Brothers (K)	:	1.20 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	:	4.10 pm
Varisu (Ta)	:	7.30 pm

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Kranti (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.35 am, 8.50 am 8.55 am, 11.30 am, 12 noon 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.25 pm 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 6.50 pm 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm 10.30 pm
Pathaan (H)	:	9.00 am, 11.15 am, 12.15 pm 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 5.45 pm 6.45 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	:	12.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	3.50 pm
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	:	7.45 pm

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Pathaan (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10:30 pm
Puss in Boots: Last Wish (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	2.40 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	:	5.00 pm
RC Brothers (K)	:	7.35 pm
Vedha (K)	:	10.20 pm

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	(S-3)	6.30 am; (S-4) 10.00 am
Pathaan (H)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Alone (Ma)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

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	(S-3)	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Pathaan (Hindi atmos)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.55 pm 7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 9.15 pm
Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 6.50 pm
RC Brothers (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Wins medals in Natl. Curling Championship

Mysuru, Jan. 30- City's B.S. Atitha represented Karnataka in the 2nd National Curling Championship 2022-23 organised by J&K Curling Association at Gulmarg in Jammu & Kashmir and won two medals — Silver in U-14 Mixed Team event and Bronze in U-16 Female Team event.

The 11-year-old is the daughter of Sunil Bilikere and A.N. Divya, residents of Subhashnagar, Hebbal, Mysuru. A 6th standard student of Podar International School, Mysuru, Atitha is trained under International Curling Players Raju and Kishan.

National Curling Federation President Dr. B.S. Rashmi Saluja, Olympic bronze medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt and the sports authorities of Jammu and Kashmir honoured the winners.

Team Karnataka Coach Raghavendra and National Curling Federation Director Abdul Razak were also present on the occasion.

B.S. Atitha seen with her trainers, International Curling Players Kishan and Raju.

Curling is the official sport of Winter Olympics and it is played on ice floor.

B.S. Atitha on victory stand along with other winners and dignitaries.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 30)

- **Impressionz:** Designer expo by Shreeda Collections, Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Samadhwa Vijaya' by Pt. Kalya Srikantachar, Bengaluru, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Ganasabha, Mysuru:** Prize Distribution Function for the Music Competition, Dr. N. Chandrashekar, Managing Trustee, Aditya Hospital, Gokulam and Sponsor of the Competition, chief guest, B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, President of Srikrishna Ganasabha, presides, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Fort:** Sri Trineshwaraswamy Brahmotsava, Beritadana, Balipradhana Vrishabha Vahanotsava, Palace premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 31)

- **Impressionz:** Designer expo by Shreeda Collections, Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishat and Sri Guru Raghavendra Seva Samithi:** Religious and cultural programmes, Bhajans by Hare Srinivasa Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm;** Discourse on 'Sri Prahladarajara Avatara' by Sri Sripadarajacharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, 10th Main Road, T.K. Layout, Fourth Stage, **7 pm.**

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